

## UNION SELECTED FOR NEXT SESSION

ALVA M. LUMPKIN HONORED BY SOUTH CAROLINA KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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Committee on State of Order Submitted Gratifying Report at the Final Meeting—Columbia Visit Was Enjoyed by Knights—Bristow Made Prelate.

Columbia, S. C., May 25.—Alva M. Lumpkin of Columbia, will be at the head of the order of Knights of Pythias in South Carolina for the ensuing year. He was chosen grand chancellor at the session of the grand lodge yesterday. Mr. Lumpkin has been grand vice chancellor for the past year, and had previously served a year as grand prelate. He is one of the most earnest knights in the State, and his fellow Pythians delight to honor him. The grand lodge adjourned yesterday to meet next year at Union.

Other officers elected were: W. E. Derrick of Orangeburg, grand vice-chancellor; the Rev. Louis J. Bristow of Columbia, grand prelate; C. D. Brown of Abbeville, grand keeper of records and seal; Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston, grand master of exchequer; E. R. Cox of Darlington, grand master at arms; W. E. Fewell of Rock Hill, grand inner guard; M. H. Ohlandt of Beaufort, grand outer guard. Grand Chancellor Lumpkin appointed J. Earle Boozer of Columbia to serve for a term of three years on the grand tribune. D. C. Heyward, was re-elected to serve for five years on the board of publication, and R. L. Dargan of Abbeville, was chosen to succeed Mr. Bristow, who resigned.

**Busy Session.**  
The grand lodge was kept quite busy at yesterday's session. Committees to whom reports had been referred the day before made their recommendations, and debate was at times lively. The recommendation of the retiring grand chancellor, Herbert E. Gyles, relative to abolishing deputy grand chancellors evoked an animated but fraternal debate. The recommendation of the judiciary that all committees be appointed from members-elect to the grand lodge, and not otherwise as is now in vogue, likewise produced a spirited debate. Both recommendations ultimately were adopted. The proposal to eliminate the payment of a per diem and mileage to all past grand chancellors was adopted without remark. A proposed change in the constitution so as to provide for biennial sessions of the grand lodge and two-year terms for grand lodge officers was vigorously debated, and then killed by a large vote. A similar proposal to provide for semiannual elections for officers of subordinate lodges was likewise defeated.

**Thornwell Fund.**  
Upon motion of Alva M. Lumpkin a committee of five was appointed to consider the advisability of enlarging the Thornwell memorial fund, and recommend upon its permanent investment where it will best serve the purpose for which it was contributed. This fund is a memorial to the late James H. Thornwell, who for many years was grand keeper of records and seal. It now amounts to about \$5,000, the interest on which is equally divided between four denominational orphanages in the State.

**Enjoyed Columbia Visit.**  
A resolution was adopted expressing the pleasure of the delegates at having been so well entertained in this city, thanking the hotel for the use of the immense hall for the sessions, and thanking the Chamber of Commerce for the street car ride taken yesterday.

**State of Order.**  
The committee on the state of the order, through Hartwell M. Ayer, made an encouraging report, as follows:

"Your committee, on the state of the order have carefully reviewed the reports submitted by about half of the lodge deputies in the domain, and have noted the articles appearing from time to time in The Pythian and in the newspaper press of the State concerning the lodges and their transactions and interests, and we find that there is much on which we can heartily congratulate the grand lodge at this session. For several years we have noted the trimming of dead timber from the lodges, the disposition of the faithful among the members to re-awaken interest generally in the order, and we have pointed it out as the dawn of promise of a new day. We feel that we have every reason now to say that the sun of that new day has arisen, and that the clouds have been dispelled, and that we can bask in a glorious sunshine of favor and success. Practically every lodge in the grand domain this year sends in a report that sparkles with new life and hope, and tells of a re-awakened Pythian spirit in the community. The real purposes of the order have impressed themselves more and more on the membership, just as this grand lodge has from year to year given evidence of its growing earnestness in the purpose of the order in our community life. The need of the order has been felt and recognized, and men have returned to it to give their services as true knights to the elevation, the betterment and the happiness of mankind achieved through a raising of the standard of citizenship, and through friendship, charity and benevolence. We are entering now into that phase of our life when we recognize that it is not so much our duty to make Pythians as to make Pythians recognize and carry out their obligations. This general awakening has been due more to the recent

whirlwind campaign of the grand lodge officers than to any other cause. It brought home to the individual membership as nothing else has ever done the responsibilities and the opportunities of knighthood. The broad vision of the grand chancellor and grand keeper of records and seal, the high ideal of knighthood, was accepted readily because the membership was prepared for it, and their teachings fell like seed in good soil, and we are reaping the fruit," says the report.

"There are lodges which have reports of somber hue, where the deputy tells us that the lodge is dead, that banquets and every other form of entertainment and enticement have been tried without effect; where we are told that the young men of the community prefer other orders to this and we feel sure that everything has been tried except the right thing, which is for the Pythian lodge to undertake to do Pythian work in the community. When the lodge teaches its members to carry into their life and business the principles of the order, when its committees and membership busy themselves in benevolence, when the knight puts on his armor to war as a knight against the evils in his community that deprave citizenship, then banquets and enticements will not be needed to draw men to the castle hall. That has been true in other communities; it is not a theory, it is a statement of fact.

"Several of the reports that we have received say that the visit of the grand lodge officers would not do any good," continues the report. "Which statement convinces us that a visit is necessary to learn whether that lodge is teaching Pythianism or heresy. The visits of the grand lodge officers have been productive of the greatest good, and the grand lodge is to be congratulated that there has been a constant growth of the spirit and ideal of service especially among the grand lodge officers in recent years, that more and more they have seen and embraced the ideal service.

**Unnecessary Expense.**  
"The committee has again and again called the attention of the grand lodge to what we have regarded as unnecessary expenses in the maintenance of the organization, and we are delighted to see the growing sentiment in favor of curtailment of these expenses which necessitate the taxation on the lodges and prevent the grand lodge doing much that would result in benefits to the order. We again recommend and insist that the payroll of the grand lodge be reduced to a minimum and that as far as possible appropriations be made for Pythian publicity, and for benevolent work in the domain.

"We find that some of the lodges have taken up in their conventions all matters of public interest in their communities, as part of their Pythian duty, and while there is danger in such a conception, that the lodge may be drawn at any time into the vortex of politics, we believe that there is strength in Pythianism to risk the danger for the good that it would produce in the community. We believe that questions of public interest can be discussed on a broader, a more liberal and a sounder basis in the Pythian lodge room than anywhere else, and if there be good or evil in it, it may be discovered.

"In conclusion, we congratulate the grand lodge again on the situation in the State. We believe the day of 'reaction' is over and that we have entered into a new era, and one of broader usefulness."

## BIRMINGHAM IS WINNER OF PRESBYTERIAN MEET

Three Ballots Necessary to Determine Choice of Church Convention.

Orlando, Fla., May 25.—Birmingham was selected as the 1917 meeting place of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States at the assembly here today. Chattanooga, Durant, Okla., and Charleston, W. Va., presented invitations and it was necessary to take three ballots to make a selection.

Reports of the standing committee on foreign missions and of a similar committee on Christian education and ministerial relief appeared likely to occupy chief attention at the first session of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Another special order for the session was nomination of cities seeking to entertain the assembly in 1917. The Chattanooga delegation has been actively pressing its claim for next year's assembly, and several Tennesseans claimed that it appeared probable that the assembly would choose their city.

The status of women in southern Presbyterian churches was regarded today as more clearly defined than in many years. That women might not fill pulpits in the churches controlled by the Presbyterian organization in session here, was decided last Saturday. The assembly late yesterday decided women might not become deaconesses, but at the same time report which by its adoption put the assembly on record in this matter, also commented on the broad field for the labors of "Godly women," and told of their present work in the home and foreign field.

Attention especially was called to the fact that women can fill many positions in church work not ordinarily fitted for men. Among the latter which the report cited were work in the foreign mission field as teachers, nurses and Bible readers.

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Deer editur:—as i sed dote hes bin taikin in by the offis holdars ring en the mannin croud. now i hevvent got mutch simperthy fur dote, but it hurts mea ter sea the fix it is gittin coot in. i is fur coot an he hed a grate menny frends in our settermint till his champagne manniger went back on us an went ter ritin ter soot the toun bois an the mersheen pollertishuns. i kno nine or ten men in their hear settermint which was fur coot befor dote tuck his leep whitich is now erginst him. thay tel me ther saim are true in loudesvil en calhoon fauls an all bout. i went up ter broad mouth church ter preechin yisterdy en evryboddie up thair sais as how dote hes qeared the chants of coot cumin in on the furst ballit, en maibe at all. sum sais as how he wil run rite erlong with mannin in ther kountie now an he wil be defeeted. now i wood hait ter sea coot defeeted by ther foolnishness of dote, an i am ritin ter ast you ter sea coot at wunst en tel him i sed ter git ernuther champagne manniger. he mite be aibel ter git p. k. cobb which manniger fur Gus Watkins when he runned, an if he cood i wood suggest that he git him at wunst en thro dote oaverboard.

dote is jist like a mersheen pollertishun ennyway. he is not kontent ter run his man fur wun offis but he wishes ter talk the whoal thing. now he was ther manniger fur coot. well the furst thing he done was ter run that fatheful ole soldier jedge calvrit out of ther kurriners rais. you sea he hes lurnt from the mannin croud ter tell evriboddie when thay can run an what they kin run fur. he tells jedge calvrit ter run fur skule kernishener en he tells cooper to wait toun years en he tells bleeze ter wait an beet ed. Smith, en he tells ther peepul ter voat fur mannin.

it seams ter mea that dote is undertaikin ter run a good deel uv ther pollerticks of the kountie en stait seen as how he aint got a stan of cotting yit. but he lurnt pollerticks from dix sonly an r. e. hill and he tries ter ring ther whoal hog. you seed us git a nu sherff last year diddent you. well sum sed as how that the ring wood let him erlone, but it wusnt long till dix heerd that ther sherff was ter git marrit en he rents him rooms oaver at his hous as i hev bin informt thinkin as how he wood subserdisse ther sherff, but ther sherff is too stout for dix an he hes not got him yit. an i heers sum boys from up in ther nashun say that thay was doun at toun tuther day an they saw dix runnin roun after jim chalmirs a nuther nu officer tryin ter put salt on his tale. if jim dont put salt on his tale, he is a slick duck, an when he has sich good evcise as sum i can tell he will git them in if he kin.

now this was one of ther things which i wisht coot ter braik up in ther kountie. wus this ring biness. but you sea that dote is now in with ther ring an how cood he broke it up. i hev not givin in on coot yit. i bleeve that he will git up sum waigh ter git rid of his cusin dote an put in a furst class manniger, a trew beleevar in ther peepul like mea an if he do he will maik things hum roun this gran ole kountie yit. in fac i wus in toun wun day en coot rode by in his buggie drivin his lital black mule smoakin a seegar an a felar sed ter mea that is ther man fur kurriner an i hopes you will voat fur him in yore kuntry. he sed tho that he was handercapt in his rais by certain kinfoaks which he wood not naim, but i knode he was takin bout dote, which was jist as i sed.

but coot shoed make up his mine that he hes a hard fite on his hans. i think it wood pay coot ter git him a champagne lyre. i kno a man i thinks wood sute the case. a few good lize on the uther kanderdaitis mite not bee a bad plan fur enny kanderdait, iff enny boddie wood like ter kommunercat with a good champagne lyre, i kno a man which i think wood fill ther bill. i aint callin no naims but ther man i hes in mine is in ther ordermoredill bunness an is a sucksess. i think you cood git him cheep fur enny of yore frends as the too bunnesses wood go tergether putty good, en ef lizin counts as is sed mi man cood maik a sucksess of boath bunnesses. it wood be wel ter sea him befor sumboddie else gits him.

wel, i must go out an look at mi cotan seed agin. this mornin they wus sproutin rite erlong, but a cut wurm was sittin on the bed at cut seed waitin fur it ter cum out uv ther ground ter cut it, an i specks ter sea things in a bad fix befor long. it seams ter me that sum pterlents is always aftar us farmers. i specks that Wall Street has sumthin ter doo with sendin cut wurm seeds inter this kuntry. If he ever cums doun in out settermint, he had betar bring a funelur sute of close with him, es we beleeves that a few sich men as ole Wall kin doo moar harm in a kuntrie than a grate menny men like mifself kin do good.

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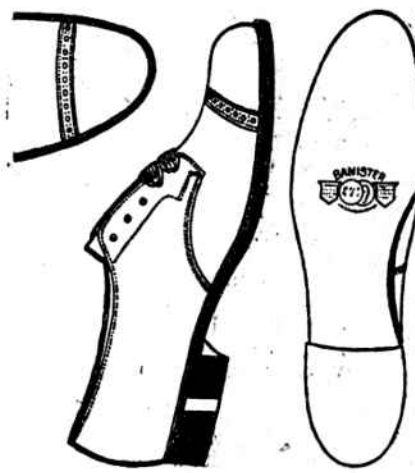


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